



The Religion of SLAM

And the Religion of Secularists

This is a brief essay regarding [some] principles in order for the Muslim to recognize the difference between his great din and between the new idol, the modern shirk, referred to as: secularism, with its variety of forms, in order to keep away from it, make barā from it, make takfir of them, to have enmity towards them, to hate them, and to wage jihad against [it and them], whether they are intellectuals, academics, politicians, rulers, journalists, artists, [state]representatives, or they are theories, governments, systems, and so on.

The four principles that separate the religion of Islam and the Deen (religion) of secularists are:

The first principle: the mushrikin whom the Messenger (PBUH) was sent amongst affirmed the rububiyyah (lordship) of Allah. He almighty said: **Say (O Muhammad)! Who provides for you from the sky and from the earth? Or who owns hearing and sight? And who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? And who disposes the affairs?**

They will say: Allah. Say: Then will you not be conscious and fear Him? And He almighty said Say: Whose is the earth and all that is in it, if you do indeed know? They will reply: It belongs to Allah. Say: Will you not then remember? Say: Who is the Lord of the seven heavens and the Lord of the great Throne? They will reply: Allah. Say: Then will you not be conscious and fear Him? Say: In whose hand is dominion over all things? And He protects while against whom there is no protector, if you know. They will reply: Allah. Say: How then are you turned away and deceived?

And He almighty said Most of them do not believe in Allah, except while they are mushrikun. Even with all of this the Messenger (PBUH) fought them and declared them as disbelievers. That [belief in rububiyyah] did not enter them into the fold of Islam. And the secularists, apart from the extremists from them, affirm the rububiyyah of Allah, and they perform some acts of worship; that still does not enter them into the fold of Islam. As

the extremists they are worse as they [claim to] have no ilah (god), no lord, and that life is [merely] materialistic.

Surely, His is the creation and commandment) the dominion and the decision. Allah said: **Say (O Muhammad)! Shall we invoke others besides Allah (false deities), that can do us neither good nor harm, and shall we turn on our heels after Allah has guided us (to true Monotheism)? - like one whom the Shayatin (devils) have made to go astray, confused (wandering) through the earth, his companions calling him to guidance (saying): Come to us.' Say: Verily, Allah's Guidance is the only guidance, and we have been commanded to submit (ourselves) to the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists), (Al-An'am, 71)**

O mankind! A similitude has been coined, so listen to it (carefully): Verily! Those on whom you call besides Allah, cannot create (even) a fly, even though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly snatched away a thing from them, they would have no power to release it from the fly. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought. (Al-Hajj, 73)

The second principle: The Messenger (PBUH) came to a people whom had various legislations and man-made laws in which they used to judge between themselves with during disputes and at other times. They had ignorant customs which they used to follow, also. They did not accept the ruling and guidance of Allah. Therefore, Allah and His messenger declared their kufr, fought them, and did not enter them into the fold of Islam.

And from their legislations is what is found in His almighty saying, do not eat of that(meat) on which the name of Allah has not been pronounced (at the time of the slaughtering of the animal), for verily, it is Fisq. And certainly, the shayatin do inspire their friends [from mankind] to dispute with you, and if you obey them, then you would indeed be mushrikun. He almighty also said about Quraysh and those who follow them, **"Or do they have partners who have legislated from the din what Allah did not give permission for?"**

And the secularists, they too have various legislations, man-made laws, and fabricated local or regional or international courts in order to judge between themselves in matters of disputes, etc. In addition, they have ignorant customs that they follow and refer to as **"civilization", "enlightenment", and "development"**. They do not accept the ruling and guidance of Allah. And so, there is no option except to make takfir of them and to make barā'ah from them.

Have you not seen those who have been given a portion of the Scripture? They are being invited to the Book of Allah to settle their dispute, then a party of

them turn away, and they are averse. (Aal-E-Imran, 23). But no, by your Lord, they can have no faith, until they make you judge in all disputes between the truth (Al-Nisa, 65)

Imam Ibn Kathir said about this ayah: **Allah swears by His Glorious, Most Honourable Self, that no one shall attain faith until he refers to the Messenger for judgment in all matters. Thereafter, whatever the Messenger commands, is the plain truth that must be submitted to inwardly and outwardly.**

Another Reason In his Tafsir, Al-Hafiz Abu Ishaq Ibrahim bin 'Abdur-Rahman bin Ibrahim bin Duhaym recorded that Damrah narrated that two men took their dispute to the Prophet, and he gave a judgment to the benefit of whoever among them had the right. The person who lost the dispute said, **"I do not agree."** The other person asked him, **"What do you want then"** He said, **"Let us go to Abu Bakr As-Siddiq."** They went to Abu Bakr and the person who won the dispute said, **"We went to the Prophet with our dispute and he issued a decision in my favour."** Abu Bakr said, **"Then the decision is that which the Messenger of Allah issued."** The person who lost the dispute still rejected the decision and said, **"Let us go to Umar bin Al-Khattab."** When they went to Umar, the person who won the dispute said, **"We took our dispute to the Prophet and he decided in my favour, but this man refused to submit to the decision."** Umar bin Al-Khattab asked the second man and he concurred. Umar went to his house and emerged from it holding aloft his sword. He struck the head of the man who rejected the Prophet's decision with the sword and killed him. Consequently, Allah revealed,

The third principle: The Messenger (PBUH) came to a people who picked and choose from the din; they would worship Allah in times of hardship, then in times of ease they would perform shirk. He almighty said: **and when they ride in a ship [in stormy seas] they call upon Allah with complete sincerity in the din, but when He brings them safely to the shore, they commit shirk with Him.**

Like that they used to dedicate things to Allah and things for their idols, as it comes in His saying, **"And they say: this is for Allah, according to their claim, and this is for our partners."** As for the secularists, they worship Allah in the masjid, in Ramadan, in marriage and divorce, and other individual matters only. In issues other than that they return to their legislations and misguided customs. Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam. Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except, out of mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come to them. And whoever disbelieves in the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, then surely, Allah is Swift in calling to account. (Aal-

E-Imran, 19).

Imam Ibn Kathir said about this ayah: **Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam. Allah states that there is no religion accepted with Him from any person, except Islam. Islam includes obeying all of the Messengers until Muhammad who finalized their commission, thus closing all paths to Allah except through Muhammad. Therefore, after Allah sent Muhammad, whoever meets Allah following a path other than Muhammad's, it will not be accepted of him.**

Allah then states that those who were given the Scripture beforehand divided in the religion after Allah sent the Messengers and revealed the Books to them providing them the necessary proofs to not do so. Allah said, **Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except out of rivalry, after knowledge had come to them.)** meaning, some of them wronged others. Therefore, they differed over the truth, out of envy, hatred and enmity for each other. This hatred made some of them defy those whom they hated even if they were correct.

Allah then said, **And whoever disbelieves in the Ayat of Allah)** meaning, whoever rejects what Allah sent down in His Book. then surely, Allah is Swift in reckoning. Allah will punish him for his rejection, reckon him for his denial, and torment him for defying His Book.

The fourth principle: The Messenger came to the mushrikin while they had many different lords. So, from them were those who worshiped statues and idols; from them were those who worshiped angels; from them were those who worshiped the jinn; from them were those who worshiped the stars; from them were those who worshiped fire; from them were those who worshiped 'Isa ibn Maryam; from them were those who worshiped the prophets; and from them were those who worshiped the righteous. There was no difference between them in regards to their ruling: kufr, and in regards to fighting them. The secularists are no different. They have many objects of worship and are different groups depending on the thing they worship. From them are those who worship the Americans; from them are those who worship the Europeans; from them are those who worship the Russians; from them are those who worship the New World Order; from them are those who worship the rulers; from them are those

who worship the ideologies; from them are those who worship nationalism and patriotism; and from them are those who worship their leaders and thinkers.

Say (O Muhammad !): Shall I take as a Wali any other than Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth? And it is He Who feeds but is not fed. Say: Verily, I am commanded to be the first of those who submit themselves to Allah (as Muslims). And be not you of the Mushrikun. (Al-An'am, 14). Allah almighty said: **Say (O Muhammad) Travel in the land and see what was the end of those before (you)! Most of them were Mushrikun (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, polytheists, idolaters, etc. (Ar-Rum, 42)**

Similar to the above, another mis-guided sect emerged in our times, and they are the bridge of the secularists, their tails and lackeys. They are: the modernists. They are from the Murji-ah extremists in the matter of iman and takfir; and in the matter of fiqh they are people of whims, desi res, and unrestraint. They



submit to the current realities and compromise to the point of becoming zanadiqah (extreme heretics). We would like to add the words of Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahman ibn Muhammad ad-Dawsari (RA). He was, to the best of my knowledge, one of the first to expose this new idol and dreaded contemporary shirk

named secularism. He mentioned at the end of his notes on the book **Kashfash-Shubuhat** (first edition, 1385) by Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdil-Wahhab where he (RA) revealed the veil from the new idol, the contemporary shirk, just as Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdil-Wahhab revealed the shirk in his time. Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahman ad-Dawsari said that Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdil-Wahhab in his book **Kashfash-Shubuhat** dealt with the shirk that was in the form of calling upon the dead, the absent, and the sanctification of the graves. Then he made mention of the types of shirk that popped up with names and titles to fool the ignorant, which was what those who started it intended. Then he said they allied with the Jews and Majus when they feared the rise of the pure authentic Islam which Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdil-Wahhab and his supporters established.

And in this time, they have garnered supporters from those who look like us. Thus, they inflamed the ignorant with exciting slogans of nationalism in each part of the Islamic nation. The modern shirk then appeared with its worship of materials and desires, and sanctifying the

self. Under the pretext of nationality and patriotism, a new apostasy formed in the Islamic and in particular Arab world with its nationalistic principles and schools of thought, colour fully decorated with its apparent titles such as mercy, while it is a hidden punishment. After this introduction, Shaykh Abdur-Rahman ad-Dawsari spoke about the meaning of ilahiyah and its foundations; they are:

1. **Disbelief in everything that is worshiped.**
2. **Singing out Allah with all acts of worship and His rule**

Then he spoke about the reality of worship, loving for the sake of Allah, and hating the enemies of the din. Then he spoke about the reality of the Millah of Ibrahim (PBUH). And he said, with it (i.e., knowing the Millah of Ibrahim), you come to the realization that the majority of those who ascribe themselves to Islam have sunken into the modern shirk and what they have brought of Western principles and its materialistic outlooks. They placed the borders(hudud) of the nation to be above the borders(hudud) of Allah and gave themselves the right to choose their legislations and rulings from what opposes what Allah and His messenger have judged. They followed those whom is led them from the ones they worshipped with love and exaltation and considered them lords beside Allah, such as Arabism, nationalism, and what they include of materialistic perspectives. Then he mentioned the one who thought the nation to be a lord beside Allah with the statement of one of them: Your country, establish it over any religion-breakfast and be deaf for its sake. And that they permitted allying with the enemies of Allah with the excuse of race and country, and suspended ruling by the Shari'ah with the excuse of corrupt "development", worshiping every taghut for that reason.

And from their false principles:

1. **The principle that: the din is for Allah and the country is for all.**
2. **The principle that: the din is the relationship between the slave and his Lord only, and it has nothing to do with other aspects of life.**
3. **The principle that: the will of the people is from the will of Allah.**

And he mentioned that the graduates of these colonial schools assure these principles and concepts in [the minds of] the different layers of the Islamic nation; and he said that the first means the colonists used in order to compel upon us their culture were through these schools. Then he said, **"It is obligatory upon the Muslimin, they out hand elderly, governments and peoples, to resist this modern shirk and new idol"** (end of summary). May Allah send salah upon our prophet Muhammad, his family, and his companions altogether.

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